(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any extra measure to cope with the disease raging among the cattle in the country ;

(c) whether any extra expenditure has been incurred on this head ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 153.

155. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what are the epidemics that affect the cattle in general ;

(2) what are the preventive measures adopted by the Cochin Veterinary Department ;

(3) how far they have been successful ;

(4) do the Government get down Antihaemorrhagic Septicemia ;

(5) what medicine other than the serum is used for inoculation ;

(6) does the Veterinary Department inoculate acid carbolic lotion as preventive against haemorrhagic Septicemia, anthrax, rinder pest and foot and mouth disease ;

(7) has it any effective preventive action and for how many days ;

(8) has any one protested against inoculating it :

(9) is the Superintendent of Agriculture in a position to state the extent of cattle mortality in the State in the months of Edavam, Mithunam and Karkadagam 1103 and Chingam 1104 ;

(10) in view of the vide spread and virulent cattle disease in the above months, has the Government done anything to strengthen the Veterinary force or otherwise take measures to give greater Veterinary aid ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) Anthrax, rinder pest, foot and mouth disease and haemorrhagic Septicemia.

(2) Advice is given regarding segregating, housing, feeding, etc., of animals and for disinfecting stalls with a view to prevent the out-break of contagious diseases, inducing ryots not to skin out the carcasses of animals suspected or have died of contagious diseases and to bury them with the skin in tact. Besides preventive inoculation as far as practicable for such of the diseases as are amenable to such treatment is being carried out to the extent to which circumstances permit.

(3) They have been successful in proportion to the intensity of virulence of the out-breaks.

(4) No.

(5) The question is not intelligible.

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(6) No. It is used not as a preventive measure, but simply as an antiseptic and antizymotic in cantagious and infectious diseases amongst cattle with a view to mitigate the intensity of infection and to ward off digestive complications and also sometimes as an internal antiseptic remedy along with auxiliary treatment in the absence of a sure curative agent.

(7) and (8). No answers are called for in view of the answer to question (6) supra.

(9) No statistics are maintained by the Agricultural Department.

(10) No; because Government consider that the existing Veterinary staff is quite sufficient to cope with the work.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether any other Department of the Government keeps statistics of the extent of cattle mortality?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—In village registers we have kept records of cattle disease.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan—Cannot the information contained in this question be supplied?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is in the village registers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I have not sent the question to the Superintendent of Agriculture but only to Government. My question was entrusted to the Government. I believe it was ruled in this House that any Member of the Government side can answer any question legitimately.

President.—Are the statistics maintained by the Revenue Department?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—And now I ask for this information. I should like to know whether any other Member on the other side is in a position to give the information.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—If the Member will repeat the question we will give the information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Hon'ble Member for Revenue give the information?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—If the question is put again, I can give.

President.—Next time if you repeat the question, they will be able to answer the question. Now you cannot give the information, is it?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No, we cannot give now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Have there been any cases of haemorrhage?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There were not very many cases.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were there any?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There were a few cases. It was only in a sparse form.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to sub-division (6) the answer is 'no.' If there were cases of such attacks, why did not the Department get down the necessary serum?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The disease occurs now and then. We cannot get down the serum every now and then.

President.—When the necessity arises, can you not get down the serum?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It takes at least 8 days to get down the serum, and the disease unfortunately lasts only for one or two days.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it a rule in the case of the attack that the victim dies before 8 days?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Oh, yes.

President.—Is it a very common disease?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is a very rare disease. Further the serum is not available also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What are the symptoms of the disease?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Septic germs.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—For the particular way in which the medicine is used, has any objection been raised by the public, I mean, the persons who are owners of the cattle?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No objection has been raised.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Did the Government consider that the staff was sufficient to cope with the work during these particular months?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there sufficient medicine in stock for the Veterinary Inspectors to cope with the work?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There were only very few cases of inoculation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—There were complaints that there was not sufficient stock of medicine, for example, at Vadakkancheri. Therefore, I ask for information whether there was sufficient stock of medicine for the Veterinary Hospitals in the different places.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is given in the answer to question No. 153.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I am referred back to another question where it is said that medicines have

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been purchased. My question is whether there was sufficient stock of medicine for the Veterinary Inspectors to cope with the work.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—At the time it was quite sufficient.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The fact is that serum is not available. We cannot get it very easily and we cannot keep a large stock.

156. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what are the preventive measures adopted by the Cochin Veterinary Department against cattle epidemics and how far they have been successful;

(b) do the Government get down anti-haemorrhagic septicemia serum and inoculate it;

(c) what is the medicine other than the serum that is being used for inoculation;

(d) do the Veterinary Department inoculate acid carbolic lotion as preventive against haemorrhagic septicemia, anthrax rinder pest and foot and mouth disease;

(e) has it any effective preventive action and for how many days;

(f) has any one protested against inoculating it;

(g) is the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats in a position to state the extent of cattle mortality in the State in the months of Edavam to Karkadagam 1103 and Chingam 1104;

(h) in view of the wide-spread and virulent cattle disease in the above months has the Government done anything to strengthen its Veterinary force or otherwise take measures to give greater Veterinary aid?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 155, parts 2 to 10.

Audit report of the offices of the Conservator of Forests and the Divisional Forest Officers

157. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House copies of the audit report of the offices, etc., of the Conservator of Forests and the Divisional Officers submitted by the audit staff in 1103 subsequent to the period for which copies were placed on the Table in the last Budget Session of 1103?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Copies of the audit reports of the offices of the Conservator of Forests and Northern Divisional Forest Officer for the 2nd quarter of 1103 are placed on the Council Table. The audit report of the office of the Southern

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